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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
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MEADOW GARDENS (Geo. Walton Cottage)
Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia

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Owner: Daughters of the American Revolution.

Date of Erection: Probably 1792 or earlier.

Present Condition: Not in very good condition, but kept from deterioration. The original structure has apparently been added to and changed at least twice. Colored post card shows as it was some little time past.

Number of Stories: Two; second story partially under sloping roof.

Materials of Construction: Frame.

Other Existing Records: Records by P. Thornton Marye, District Officer HABS 1934. Georgia's Landmarks, Memorials and Legends by Knight. The National Society of D.A.R. owns deeds.

Additional Data: Old colored photograph shows four columns in front on old part, - later addition has different roof line, no dormers in picture, and columns on side porch round and carry to porch floor. Old part consisted of only two rooms on first floor and two above under roof.

Mrs. A. H. Brenner, past President of the Augusta D.A.R. states that the records of the D.A.R. and booklet published soon after the house was purchased show the house was owned and occupied from 1792 to Feb. 2, 1804 by George Walton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and early Governor of Georgia.

Meadow Gardens is the most ancient landmark of Augusta. There is a spacious hall way; antique furniture, open fireplaces and it was a center of much of the social life of that time. Mrs. Harriet Gould Jeffries, a ^{descendant of a} Revolutionary patriot, sought to have the old landmark restored by the City of Augusta. The City refused but after two years of untiring effort she succeeded in getting the National Society of the

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Daughters of the American Revolution to acquire and restore the old mansion and in due time open it to the public. It has become the depository of many relics and mementoes of the struggle for independence.

According to Mrs. Mildred A. Ridgely, Writer's Project, 708 Telfair Street, Augusta, the property was acquired in 1794 as a "gift" from Thomas Watkine to his god son, George Walton, Jr., son of Gov. George Walton. Gov. George Walton never owned the property in his own name, it would appear.

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